

2011 PrettyRock.com Faceting Contest

We have a challenge for you this year! The challenge is to see who can create the prettiest, brightest closed-c axis green tourmaline.

1) **Material:** The material must be closed c-axis green tourmaline. The stone must be at half to fully closed c. We will verify this before judging. We will have this material available at PrettyRock.com for purchase, but it does NOT have to be purchased from us to be entered in the contest. So, if you have some stuck in the back of your drawer, this is the time to dig it out and do something with it!

2) **Categories :** **Traditional Cut** - a standard design. For example emerald cut or cushion cut. **Creative Cut**- skies the limit! It must be your own design. It can be a carving, or fantasy cut for example. ALL entries must be **between 1 and 100 cts.** Larger or smaller stones will be disqualified.

3) **Prizes:** There will be One Best in Show with a Grand Prize of \$500 worth of faceting rough (winner's choice) , and a box of faceting goodies. There will be 3 winners in each category: 1st Prize - \$150 worth of faceting rough (winner's choice) 2nd Prize - \$100 worth of faceting rough (winner's choice) 3rd Prize - \$50 worth of faceting rough (winner's choice.)

HALL of FAME: Anyone who places two years (or more) in a row, will be inducted into our Faceter's Hall of Fame! They will also win the honor and privilege to use the rare and much sought after GPF™ (Grande Poobah Faceter) after their name on all official faceting documents.

4) **Judging:** The stones will be judge by a group of faceters and gem lovers. They will be invited over, plied with pizza and beer and asked to judge the stones. The stones will be judged blind (meaning your name will not be on it, not that the judges will be blindfolded. Although if there is a tie, we may have to resort to such measures.) The scores will be tallied, and the decision of the judges is final.

5) **Judging Criteria:** Stones must be the appropriate material and size. Unlike many faceting contests, this is not about perfection. This is an old-fashioned beauty contest. After all we are PrettyRock.com not perfectrock.com! If you cut a stunner of a stone, but some of the meetpoints don't match, you still have a solid chance of winning. 1. Beauty 2. Light return 3. Best use of material

6) **Time line:** Entries must be received by March 1, 2011. Winners will be announced on or before April 1, 2011. Winners will be announced on the website, forum, blog and individual winners will be notified by email.

7) **Legal Stuff:** By entering the competition you agree to the following:
You allow us to photograph your gem and use the **image** of the gem for marketing and products such as post cards and greeting cards. We are not responsible for items lost in transit by any postal service. Only stones cut by the entrant will be considered. If we have any doubt that the stone was cut by you, we will disqualify it. We reserve the right to disqualify stones without explanation. Any legalities we forgot, please assume.

8) **Submissions:** The competition is open to faceters anywhere in the world. Incomplete entry forms will be disqualified. There is no entry fee. We will return the stone to you after judging. We highly suggest entries be shipped with delivery or signature confirmation. Please ship gems in a suitable, protective container such as a small plastic gem jar for its protection. All stones will be transferred to matching white containers for judging and return shipping purposes, and your original container may not be returned.

Questions or concerns, email: service@prettyrock.com

Entry Form

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| Official Use | | |
| | Number | _____ |
| T-S | Cont | Win _____ |

Each entry MUST have it's own form. They can be mailed together.
Entries must be received by **March 1, 2011**

Send Entries to:

PrettyRock.com
PO Box 38930
Charlotte, NC 28278

PLEASE PRINT

Address:(Your stone will be returned to this address) :

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

email _____

Phone (_____) _____

Choose Category: Traditional Cut Creative Cut

Description: _____

Weight in Carats: _____ Dimensions _____

Want the competition T-shirt? Please include \$5 check or mo
Circle Size: S M L XL XXL T-shirts will be shipped with your returned stone.

I, the undersigned, represent that the gem entry described above is an original work of authorship personally created by the undersigned. I grant the right to display an image of the entry, if it is selected, to PrettyRock.com. The undersigned acknowledge that the final decision will be made by the judges of the contest. The undersigned further grant PrettyRock.com, its employees and agents, from any and all liability for damage, loss of the entry during and subsequent to the Competition.

Signature _____ Date _____

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